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SUBJ: CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY: DURING CBC MEETING MARCH 28, STUDY OF CARRY-OVER CREDITS FROM CY 1975 AND CY 1976 WILL BE MADE. ONE ITEM QUESTIONABLE. GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY MARCH 28. END SUMMARY.

1. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER PRESENTED DOCUMENT BC-D(77)5 DETAILING JUSTIFICATIONS WHY UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS FOR CY 75 AND CY 76 SHOULD BE CARRIED OVER TO CY 1977 BUDGET. EXPLANATIONS VALID FOR ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BF 10 MILLION IN CHAPTER XX FOR CY 1976. CONTROLLER DID NOT FIND NATO ADMINISTRATION'S JUSTIFICATION FOR CARRY-OVER THIS ITEM TO CY 1977 ADEQUATE AND ASKED CBC TO DECIDE.

2. ADMINISTRATION JUSTIFICATION: BF10 MILLION REQUESTED IN THE CY 1976 BUDGET TO PROVIDE SILICONE FILM COVER TO BUILDING FACADES. FILM COULD NOT BE PLACED UNTIL REPAIRS TO FACADES HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY FIRM THAT ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED THE BUILDING. DAMAGE TO FACADES HAS PROVEN MORE EXTENSIVE THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED AND REPAIRS MAY BE COMPLETED BY MID-1977.

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ADMINISTRATION WISHES TO COMBINE WORK OF PROTECTION AND IMPROVING APPEARANCE OF FACADES AND HAS REQUESTED COMMENTS OF SPECIALIZED FIRMS. THE LAST OPINION IS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY. ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES IT WILL BE ABLE TO CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDS SHORTLY, APPOINT A CONTRACTOR BY SEPTEMBER 1977 AND OBLIGATE FUNDS AT THAT TIME.

3. AMOUNT REQUESTED IN CY 76 BUDGET WAS THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF ESTIMATED BF20 MILLION. CY 77 BUDGET CONTAINS FUNDING FOR BF5 MILLION AND CONTRACT AUTHORITY OF BF5 MILLION FOR THE

SAME ITEM.

4. REVIEW WAS MADE OF NATO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS. ARTICLE 11 AUTHORIZES OBLIGATIONS OF MONEY ONLY DURING FINANCIAL YEAR IN WHICH FUNDS GRANTED. IF PROPERLY OBLIGATED, FUNDS CAN BE CARRIED FORWARD TO FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR.

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL FOR THE CARRY-OVER OF THE UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS FOR CY 75 AND CY 76 TO CY 77, EXCEPT FOR THE BF10 MILLION. THIS CARRY-OVER SHOULD BE REFUSED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
A. IS CONTRARY TO NATO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS;
B. WOULD ESTABLISH UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT;
C. UNCERTAIN DATE FOR COMPLETION REPAIR OF FACADES;
D. FUNDS AND CONTRACT AUTHORITY INCLUDED IN CY 77 BUDGET WOULD PERMIT INITIAL OBLIGATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF WORK DURING LAST QUARTER CY 77;
E. ADDITIONAL FUNDING BASED ON DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF WORK TO BE DONE AND CURRENT PRICE CONDITIONS COULD BE INCLUDED IN CY 78 BUDGET, AND PROPERLY OBLIGATED IN CY 78.

6. GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 28. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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